

[Horse Thieves at Black Earth]

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[Before the?] Civil War there was a group of horses thieves at Black Earth. The barn they used was razed but a few years ago. A German farmer had [?] had a horse stolen and as spring's work was nearing he went to Black Earth to buy a horse from the "dealers" there. One horse met his approval as it was so like the horse he had lost [excepti?] that it was one solid color wheras his horse had had a white marking on its face and also a white foot. He bought the horse and was well-satisfied with it. As time went on, the color wore off the white and he was certain the horse was the very one he had owned before. He had been astonished that a strange horse should be so familiar about the place and so very much like the one that had been stolen.